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**REPORT TITLE: Amendments to the Fees By-law 43-2002 to Waive Community Recycling Centre Drop-off Fees for Local Municipalities and Not-For-Profit Community Agencies**

**FROM: Kealy Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the amendments to the Region of Peel Fees By-law 43-2002, as amended, described in the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the May 12, 2022 Regional Council agenda titled, “Amendments to the Fees By-law 43-2002 to Waive Community Recycling Centre Drop-off Fees for Local Municipalities and Not-For-Profit Community Agencies”, be approved;**

**And further, that the necessary amending by-law be presented for enactment;**

**And further, that the requirement to provide Public Notice prior to the enactment of the amending by-law, pursuant to the Region of Peel’s Corporate Public Notice Policy G00-16, be waived.**

## **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Local Municipalities collect various waste through their respective public works operations including illegally dumped waste in parks and on trails within their jurisdiction.
  - Not-for-profit community agencies dispose of various waste generated through their charitable work. Some of the materials accepted by these locations are soiled, cannot be re-used and require disposal.
  - Regional policies provide eligible not-for-profit community agencies with free disposal privileges at the Region’s waste management sites for the disposal of certain materials they have accepted from residents but cannot ultimately be re-used (Resolution 2009-77).
  - In order to support the local municipalities with illegal dumping clean-up in the community and support not-for-profit community agencies with their important community programs and services, it is recommended that amendments be made to the Fees By-law to waive waste management system fees otherwise payable by a local municipality or not-for-profit community agency for dropping off waste at the Region’s Community Recycling Centres.
  - These by-law amendments have no resulting impact on Region of Peel residents and as such, staff recommend that the public notice requirement of Regional Policy G00-16 be waived.
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## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Background**

The Region of Peel provides waste management services for buildings and other facilities owned and/or operated by the local municipalities (Cities of Brampton and Mississauga, and Town of Caledon). The local municipalities, however, independently collect other waste items through their respective public works operations including garbage, rubble, yard waste and tree cutting. Some of the waste collected by the local municipalities stems from illegally dumped waste in parks and on trails within their jurisdictions.

Staff is working with all three local municipalities on agreements to allow the municipalities to dispose of waste, including waste collected through their public works operations and illegally dumped waste, at the Community Recycling Centres free of charge. An amendment to the Region's Fees By-law 43-2002 is necessary to waive the waste management system fees otherwise payable by the local municipalities when disposing of waste at the Region's Community Recycling Centres.

Not-for-profit community agencies provide important services to the residents of Peel Region including accepting materials for reuse. From time-to-time, some materials they collect and accept from residents are soiled and cannot be reused. Continuing to waive the waste management system fees for not-for-profit community agencies enables these agencies to redirect the cost savings back into their programs to continue providing important community services in Peel Region.

Staff recommends delegating authority to the Commissioner of Public Works to waive the waste management system fees and charges otherwise payable by the Region's local municipalities and not-for-profit community agencies for dropping off waste at the Region's Community Recycling Centres in order to support the important services that local municipalities provide the residents of the Peel Region, and the work that not-for-profit community agencies provide.

### **2. Required Fees By-law 43-2002 Amendments**

Staff recommends that the Fees By-law 43-2002 be amended by adding a new subsection 5(15) that provides the Commissioner of Public Works with delegated authority to waive, in whole or in part, the waste management system fees and charges otherwise payable by the local municipalities for the disposal of waste at the Region's Community Recycling Centres where the local municipality has entered into a written agreement with the Region of Peel for same.

Staff further recommends that the Fees By-law 43-2002 be amended by adding a new subsection 5(16) that provides the Commissioner of Public Works with delegated authority to waive, in whole or in part, the waste management system fees and charges otherwise payable by not-for-profit community agencies for the disposal of waste at the Region's Community Recycling Centres, where the not-for-profit community agency is deemed eligible for same pursuant to Regional policy W20-07, as may be amended or replaced from time to time.

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### **3. Request to waive Public Notice Policy G00-16**

The Region of Peel's Public Notice Policy G00-16 generally requires public notice to be published in newspapers and posted on the Region of Peel's website at least 10 days prior to the enactment of a by-law fixing fees and charges and any amendments thereto. The Policy also states that where the requirements of the policy conflict with any resolution of Regional Council, the resolution shall prevail. The amendments being proposed to By-law 43-2002 at this time are not fixing fees or charges to be imposed on Region of Peel residents but rather waiving certain fees for the Region's local municipalities and eligible not-for-profit community agencies. Given the nature of these by-law amendments, there will be no resulting impact on Region of Peel residents and as such, staff recommends that the public notice requirement be waived.

### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

There is a risk that providing local municipalities and not-for-profit community agencies the ability to drop off waste for free will be misused. The Region of Peel will mitigate this risk by putting controls in place, including monitoring, and tracking tonnages, to ensure local municipalities and not-for-profit community agencies are dropping off materials properly under the terms of their respective agreement(s) that allow for this use of the Community Recycling Centres.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Based on previous usage, the financial impacts associated with the waiving of waste management disposal fees for the local municipalities has been and would continue to be less than \$1,000 annually and approximately \$15,000 annually for not-for-profit community agencies.

### **CONCLUSION**

In order to support local municipalities with illegal dumping clean-up in the community and continue to support not-for-profit community agencies with their important community programs and services, it is recommended that the amendments to the Fees By-law identified in this report be approved and an amending by-law be enacted so that these changes would come into force and effect immediately.

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